

Mansfield Community Playground Project
Meeting Minutes
Date: August 9, 2012

Present: Sara Anderson, Kurt Vincente, Julia DeLapp, Megan Huff, Ellen Tulman,
Susanna Cowan, Kelly Zimmerman

Next Meetings: ** August 23, 2012 at 7 pm in Arts & Crafts Room at Community Center
September 13, 2012 at 7 pm in Conference Rm B Town Office Bldg

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- I. Jessica Higham has withdrawn from the committee.
 - a. Julia will help out with thank you notes. She will talk with Jessica
 - b. Esther & Kelly will work with Julia
 - II. Review of new playground plan.
 - a. Suggestions include addition of rock wall, “mixed age” swings, “roller” slide
 - III. Total budget (including \$32,000 in fees to L & A and entire playground with rubberized surface) = \$222,297
 - a. If use wood chips behind swings could be potential savings of \$12,000
 - b. Total budget does NOT include site preparation, sidewalks, or sub-surfacing (typically concrete)
 - IV. Nothing new to report on land acquisition from UCONN but does not appear as though it will be an obstacle
 - V. Optimistic Build Date of May 15-19, 2013
 - VI. Discussion of doing some “backwards calendaring” to set out tasks & responsibilities
 - VII. Esther discussed MAC Community Connectedness Data that shows a playground is a priority for residents AND the importance of physical fitness as a positive impact academic achievement
 - VIII. Kurt discussed Neighborhood Assistance Grant that was recently approved by state & included the building of the playground.
 - a. He suggested that the playground committee utilize Neighborhood Assistance Grant as an incentive when addressing local businesses.
 - IX. Discussion about how to make contacts with local businesses –looking to utilize **personal** connections.
 - X. Children’s committee + Julia will be meeting with Sara
 - XI. Discussion of fundraising events
 - a. Fun Run to be held in spring. Need a coordinator.
 - b. Fundraising event at Sports Bar possibly in fall
 - XII. T-Shirts have been ordered but have not yet arrived.
 - a. Suggested sale price of \$10/kids and \$15/adults
 - b. Possible display of t-shirt in case at MCC
 - XIII. Festival in Green will be September 23, 2012 12-5
 - a. We will be making buildings out of recyclables **Please save**
 - b. Sara will send out email to line up volunteers to work at table.

